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Serial No. Not Assigned )		) )
Filed:		) )
For:	USE OF CHROMAN DERIVATIVES IN COSMETIC OR	

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the attached sheets.

### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency. No new matter has been added. A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS - 0Z 0050/52049

- 4. The use as claimed in claim 1 for prophylaxis against aging processes of the human skin.
- 6. The use as claimed in claim 1 for prophylaxis against aging processes of human hair.
- 7. The use as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the compounds of the formula I is present in an effective content in cosmetic preparations.
- 9. A cosmetic preparation for protecting the human epidermis or human hair, which comprises, in a cosmetically suitable carrier, a cosmetically effective amount of at least one of the compounds of the formula I

in which the substituents  $R^1$  to  $R^5$  have the meanings defined according to claim1.

# MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS - 0Z 0050/52049

- 4. The use as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> [any of claims 1 to 3] for prophylaxis against aging processes of the human skin.
- 6. The use as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> [any of claims 1 to 3] for prophylaxis against aging processes of human hair.
- 7. The use as claimed in <u>claim 1</u> [any of claims 1 to 6], wherein at least one of the compounds of the formula I is present in an effective content in cosmetic preparations.
- 9. A cosmetic preparation for protecting the human epidermis or human hair, which comprises, in a cosmetically suitable carrier, a cosmetically effective amount of at least one of the compounds of the formula I

in which the substituents  $R^1$  to  $R^5$  have the meanings defined according to <u>claim1</u> [either claim 1 or 2].

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1. The use of chroman derivatives of the formula I,

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathbb{R}^{2} \\
\mathbb{R}^{3} \\
\mathbb{R}^{4}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathbb{R}^{1} \\
\mathbb{C} \\
\mathbb{C}$$

in which the substituents, independently of one another, have the following meanings:

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl,

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-acyl,

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup>

are hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl,

R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkyl, aryl

in cosmetic or dermatological preparations.

2. The use of chroman derivatives as claimed in claim 1, in which

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl,

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-acyl,

R<sup>3</sup> and R4

are  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl and

R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, C₁-C₃-alkyl.

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3. The use of a chroman derivative as claimed in claim 1 having the formula la

$$HO$$
 $H_3C$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $COOH$ 
 $CH_3$ 

- 4. The use as claimed in claim 1 for prophylaxis against aging processes of the human skin.
- 5. The use as claimed in claim 4 for prophylaxis against dry skin, wrinkle formation and/or pigment disorders.
- 6. The use as claimed in claim 1 for prophylaxis against aging processes of human hair.
- 7. The use as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the compounds of the formula I is present in an effective content in cosmetic preparations.
- 8. The use as claimed in claim 7, wherein at least one of the compounds of the formula I is present in concentrations of from 0.01 to 30% by weight, based on the total amount of the cosmetic preparation.
- 9. A cosmetic preparation for protecting the human epidermis or human hair, which comprises, in a cosmetically suitable carrier, a cosmetically effective amount of at least one of the compounds of the formula I

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$$R^{2}O$$
 $R^{3}$ 
 $COOR^{5}$ 
 $R^{4}$ 

in which the substituents  $R^1$  to  $R^5$  have the meanings defined according to claim 1.

10. A cosmetic preparation as claimed in claim 9, comprising a cosmetically effective amount of the compound of the formula la

$$HO$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $H_3C$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $COOH$ 
 $CH_3$